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## THE SKATES IN CONTROL.

The Cook County Democratic Committee is having troubles of its own these days.

It will continue to have trouble so long as it persists in the attempt to allow a lot of scoundrel Populists to name the party ticket for the Democrats of Cook County.

The Central Committee should remember that there is still a Democratic party left in Cook County, and that that party will not allow itself and its affairs to be run by a lot of tramps and professional bums and loafers.

Yet this is what the Democratic Central Committee is trying to do just now. The "pops" have held a county convention and boomed a lot of seven spots for positions of trust and emolument in Cook County, and the Democratic committee is now engaged in piecing out the balance of the work.

By adding a Democratic name here and there for a minor position, they imagine that they can then present the whole crazy patch concern to the Democratic voters of Cook and palm it off as a Democratic ticket. The Eagle warned the party managers of fusion. It will not be a case of fusion with the Democrats of Cook; it will be a case of absorption. If present plans are followed out, The Democracy of this county will not stand this. They have been used in the past to name their own tickets and to elect them, and they will not abide any dictation now from professional laborites and agitators. If the Democrats of Cook are to be called to a convention which will have practically no function save to ratify a bunch of nominations made by Populists then it is time for the Democracy of Cook to quit business and turn their party, its organization and affairs over to the skates who are seeking to control it from the outside. No good Democrat can contemplate with patience a county convention of his party which will not be allowed to name its own candidates for State's Attorney and Coroner, but will be forced to accept the nominees of a gang of anarchists and socialists. No good Democrat can patiently contemplate the proposition that a Central Committee or any subcommittee thereof shall fix up a ratification meeting under the name of a Democratic convention, and no true Democrat will consider himself bound to stand by or support the doings of any such ratification meeting. The Eagle predicts that should the Democracy of Cook County allow the anarchists and socialists to dictate their party ticket, there will ensue the biggest Republican landslide ever witnessed in Cook County.

DEMOCRACY AND ANARCHY CAN-  
NOT FUSE.

Look out for the county convention to be held Saturday, Sept. 12. It is dubbed the Cook County Democratic convention in the call, but will it be a real Simon-pure Democratic convention? We have our doubts. We fear that it will be a hybrid affair, one of those peculiar conglomerations that seem to be the fact just now with some of our leading Democratic managers. The character of the ticket which it will nominate will, we fear, be a sort of Joseph's coat affair. Some time ago a gathering of socialists, professional labor agitators, walking delegates and the like assembled in this city and called itself a convention of the People's

party of Cook County. This gathering named a number of candidates for county offices. It named a Republican free silver agitator, whose residence in Chicago is scarcely long enough to enable him to vote, for the office of State's Attorney; it named a professional laborite for the office of coroner, another for clerk of the Appellate Court, five or six others for members of the County Board, and having done so, it ordered the Democratic party to swallow the whole dose.

It is not improbable, indeed, if indications mean anything, it is almost certain that the county convention will obey the mandate of the pops. A gentleman of long standing in the Democratic party and who has given years of good service in its cause in this county and State, Hon. Jacob Kern, seeks the renomination of his party for State's Attorney. It is to be feared he will not be given it because the pops say no. The same may be said of the other offices. Shades of Thomas Jefferson! Has the Democratic party come to such a pass in the great county of Cook that it dares not hold a convention and nominate a ticket of its own, but must hold instead a ratification meeting to endorse a ticket put up by the "Doe" Taylors, the Tommy Morgans and George Schillings and the rest of the old gang of professional labor agitators and single tax cranks, who of late have dignified themselves by the title, People's Party? We fear so, and the result will be that thousands of Democrats will not consider themselves bound to vote the hybrid ticket in this county this fall.

## GEN. BLACK'S RESIGNATION.

Gen. John C. Black has at last made up his mind not to accept the nomination tendered him by the gold Democrats of Illinois, and has consequently left the aforesaid gold Democracy in a somewhat embarrassing condition. His action has compelled the State Central Committee of the faction of the party to assemble and name a man in his place. They have done so by naming W. S. Forman to succeed him, and this action having created a vacancy on the ticket for the nomination for Attorney General the committee named a well-known Chicago attorney, D. V. Samuels, for the place.

The action of Gen. Black is no surprise to those who know the Black family, however.

Capt. W. B. Black, the General's brother, was the able counsel who defended the anarchists here some years ago, and there is a strong suspicion in the minds of many that the vein of socialism which runs through the character of the Captain can be traced in that of his brother.

It is not surprising therefore that Gen. Black should have refused to ally himself with the so-called "gold bugs."

One peculiar feature in the declaration incident is the fact that Gen. Black wrote two letters of declination, one for the Associated Press and the other for the committee. That given to the Associated Press was short and curt, that sent to the committee contained ample apologies, through which ran a fine thread of veiled sarcasm.

In the course of the latter epistle, the General says:

"I am convinced by my investigation that in this State the election for Governor lies between Messrs. Tanner and Altgeld."

"I recognize the disinterested character and lofty aims of your organization; that it seeks to establish the Democracy upon its ancient foundations, and amidst its ancient principles, a refuge for its crying brethren in the future, a safeguard of free government. I recognize the unselfish devotion of the men present in your convention to principle and Democracy."

"I am further convinced, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the only effect in the selection of my candidacy would be to diminish the chances of one or the other of these gentlemen for election. Men differ in their opinions as to whose chances would be most seriously impaired, but in any event the whole effect of my candidacy, so far as the election is concerned, would be what I have stated above, namely, to diminish the chances of one or the other of the candidates."

"So believing, I feel constrained, highly as I prize the good opinion of the gentlemen who placed me in nomination, to decline to be a candidate."

"This is very fine, but there is a strong suspicion abroad that the general's idea of lofty aims in politics is measured by the probabilities of success in attaining to office. It is feared, too, there are too many 'erring brethren' in the Democratic party in this State for all of them to find the refuge to which the General alludes."

The real truth of the matter would appear to be that the General has slight preference for self over honor, and chose to hang on to an office paying a snug annual salary to accepting a distinguished mark of public approbation on the part of his fellow Democrats that carried prestige but no chance of office with it.

It does also appear that General Black has wantonly slighted a body of Democrats which contains many honorable and high-minded citizens who are struggling for what they believe to be the right.

## THE POLITICS OF IT.

While there is good reason for the belief that the proposed abolition of the various townships and their organizations would have been a good thing for the tax-payers of Chicago, The Eagle cannot subscribe to the charge that the defeat of the proposition is due to the machinations of the politicians.

For instance, it is charged that the heads of the Cook County Republican machine, Martin B. Madden and William Lorimer, being particularly mentioned, were instrumental in causing the reconsideration of the previous vote under which it had determined to place the petition before the people at the fall election.

Now a little consideration of the facts would show that this could not have been the policy of these machine leaders inasmuch as the scheme was originally propounded by a leader of the Republican organization of Cook County, Daniel W. Hooley, and it was charged by its opponents that the plan was to centralize all the patronage and

place it under control of the Madden-Lorimer machine.

The opponents of the consolidation plan in the County Board were the opponents of the Madden-Lorimer machine. It is foolish, therefore, to charge the machine with its defeat. As a matter of fact, it is a defeat of the machine.

## A REPUBLICAN SWEEP.

As the days go by and the election approaches the signs continue to multiply of a Republican sweep in this State.

The Central Committee continues to do business at the old stand in the old way, and, as Secretary Van Cleave puts it, it is seeing to it that none of the vantage ground which it has gained will be lost until the battle is over.

The work of organization is progressing in every county and township throughout Illinois and in Cook County the leaders of the local Republican machine are doing tremendously effective work. John M. Smyth, M. B. Madden, Dr. T. N. Jamieson, William Lorimer, and other local leaders are speaking nightly to thousands of Republicans in the various wards, arousing their enthusiasm and encouraging them to go ahead with the work of organizing clubs and preparing for registration. Thus the interest of the voters is not permitted to flag by the Republicans both locally and down the State, and the biggest vote ever recorded for a set of Republican candidates in Cook County and Illinois is confidently expected.

On the other hand, the Democrats are apparently hypnotized. They are too much engrossed in their miserable diltation with the tag-rag and bob-tail, known as the Populist party, to any longer take an interest in the good old Democracy, which was at one time triumphant and invincible hereabouts. They have so completely changed the character of the party that even its own creators would not recognize it, so patched and pieced with Populist rags is the garment in which it has been arrayed. The work of its conventions has been set aside by committees, which have not the right to do so.

The County Central Committee is putting in its time in trying to fix up fusions with a lot of skates behind closed doors, instead of laying plans for the organization of the party and for getting out the vote.

The State Democratic ticket put up by as fine a convention as ever assembled in this State has been managed and torn beyond recognition by a State Central Committee that undertakes to set at naught the will of the people as expressed through their duly elected representatives in that convention.

Democratic candidates for State offices have been forced off and Populists placed upon the ticket; Presidential electors selected by the convention are being throttled into submission to the whim of the pops and kicked off in disgrace. If they refuse to do voluntarily, in order that Populists, who, if elected, will vote for Watson and not for Sewall, the nominee of the national Democracy for Vice President, may be put on. This sort of thing has sickened and disgusted the true Democrats of Illinois. It has driven life-long members of the party out of its ranks and it will drive more. We are mistaken if it is not rebuked this fall by such a crushing defeat of the entire State and county ticket from Altgeld down, as will be a warning to future generations of Democrats in Illinois and convince them that it pays to be honest with the people, and that the old-time Democracy has nothing in common with anarchism and socialism. Democracy and anarchy can no more fuse than oil and water, and the attempt to blend the two this time will bring a staggering blow from the people from which neither may soon recover.

## THE TROUBLE WITH THE DAILIES.

The influence of the Chicago daily papers is perceptibly lessening.

The reason is not hard to find.

The people are not blind.

For instance, every home in Chicago is interested in the public schools.

In nearly half the homes the belief is entertained that the Board of Education is corrupt.

In the other half the suspicion is entertained that the Board of Education is not straight.

The fact that the Book Trust controls the board is notorious.

The fact that a real estate ring has robbed the people through this board is well known.

Do the daily papers even comment on these facts?

No.

The people observe this.

They draw their own conclusions.

They lose respect for the dailies.

The people see the Ogden Gas Company destroy streets, tear them up and refuse to repave them properly.

This is a vital matter to the people.

The papers pay no attention to it.

The City Council is controlled by a gang of villainous thieves.

Their leaders are known.

But the newspapers say not a word against them.

The assessors are bribed by the rich, and the taxes are paid by the poor. But the rich men get their taxes down so low that enough money is not raised by the city to pay for the police or to furnish clean and pure drinking water.

Do the daily papers protest against this state of affairs?

They do not.

The whole atmosphere of Chicago is surcharged with rottenness and corruption.

The daily papers sleep on.

While the thieves are eating out the vitals of the city, the daily press contents itself with printing yards of yawn on the money question and expect the people to believe it.

The people have lost respect for the press, and the press has no one to blame for this fact but itself.

## FORMAN A FIGHTER.

W. S. Forman will in all probability make a stronger gubernatorial candidate than Gen. John C. Black would have made. He certainly will make a more aggressive one, for Forman is a fighter. In his dealing with his chief opponent, Governor Altgeld, it can be

put down as a dead certainty that the "Swamp Fox" of Egypt will not handle the chief executive with kid gloves.

Mr. Forman has already given proof of the metal of which he is made. He has gone up against Gov. Altgeld and shown himself to be absolutely fearless as well as an able man. He has called down upon himself the vituperation of Mr. Altgeld, but vituperation, however fierce, does not constitute an answer to definite charges, and Mr. Forman shows that he is not afraid of venomous personal abuse.

Mr. Forman has repented his charges and Mr. Altgeld has not replied.

The gold Democratic standard-bearer says he has not finished with Mr. Altgeld, but will have many pertinent questions to put to his excellency from the stump during the campaign.

These charges of W. S. Forman are losing John P. Altgeld hundreds of honest Democratic votes every day.

Mr. Altgeld's failure to answer them will lose him still more.

THE POLITICAL GANG AGAINST SCHOOL BOARD REFORM.

At Wednesday night's meeting of the School Board Mr. H. H. Gross tried to place the board on record as favoring civil service reform, but, despite the fact that he was sustained by John S. Miller, Joseph Strong and Dr. Harper of the University of Chicago, he could not overcome the old political machine element. While declaring that they all favored civil service reform, Messrs. Cusack, Blount, Errant, Kohiz, Mark and Halle and Mrs. Frake and Mrs. Hull voted against the adoption of the following resolutions, introduced by Mr. Gross:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the members of this board that all its employees should receive their appointments and hold their positions wholly upon the ground of mental, moral and physical capacity to discharge their several duties to the highest attainable standard of excellence. That an appointment or removal should be made by reason of any religious, political or personal influence, but on the contrary, merit alone should govern.

Resolved, That it is the purpose of this board to extend, as far as possible, the merit system to all departments of the city schools, and to this end the secretary of this board is hereby directed to notify the Civil Service Commission of the City of Chicago that it is the wish of this board to receive the employes it may hereafter require (except superintendents and teachers) from the Civil Service Commission.

The resolutions would affect only 550 employees of the board, those who are now strictly political appointees and whom the janitors and supplies committee treat as political or other extraneous require. Mrs. Hull opposed the resolutions, because they did not apply to principals and assistant principals. Mr. Cusack, seconded by Mr. Blount, had them sent to the rules committee, of which Mr. Errant is chairman. This committee has been in session two years and has not made a report to the board on new rules. Mr. Errant has been chairman of it only a few weeks, but during the last fortnight, on three separate calls, he has been unable to get the different members of the committee together. There is a strong opposition to permitting any employee coming under the control of the city's civil service commission. Mr. Gross said he would not abandon the fight to compel the board to comply with the law.

ALTGELD'S REPLY TO FORMAN.

Gov. Altgeld's reply to the charges of W. S. Forman was a choice bit of vituperation, but it was not an answer to a disproof of the gross allegations of the ex-Congressman. Gov. Altgeld cannot afford to go before the voters of the State of Illinois with such charges as those preferred by Forman hanging over his head. It will not under the circumstances surround this case to abuse the other fellow.

The charges are serious, and if they be not distinctly, separately and categorically repudiated before election day they are bound to cost the head of the composite ticket thousands of votes.

Mr. Forman does not appear to be easily frightened, either. Altgeld's vituperation has had such slight effect upon him that he returns to the charge with the following allegation in an open letter given to the public Sept. 30:

"I charge you with being a heavy borrower of State funds."

"That Hinchey and Durfee assisted you in taking up your due bills."

"That between the times of the death of the treasurer, Nov. 11, and the qualification of his successor, Nov. 22, you permitted or caused to be opened the vaults of the State treasury contrary to law."

"That you appointed E. P. Ramsay, son of the late treasurer, after you knew that his father was a defaulter, for the purpose of covering up damaging facts."

"That you attempted to borrow the funds of the Illinois Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children at Lincoln; that on the refusal of your request you removed the superintendent of that institution."

"That you attempted to borrow funds of the Anna Insane Hospital at Anna, and when you were refused this loan by the treasurer, that you asked for his resignation and ordered the funds deposited to be returned to the State treasury."

"That you have borrowed hundreds of thousands of dollars and paid interest thereon at 6 and 7 per cent, contrary to law."

"That you have permitted large sums of money appropriated for the maintenance of State institutions to be withdrawn from the treasury before it was needed, to be deposited in your pet banks."

"That your shallow pretense to honesty in legislative affairs is a colossal delusion."

WHERE DO THE FIREMEN, POLICEMEN, AND SCHOOL TEACHERS COME IN?

Mr. Bryan says that in the event of his success and free silver becoming a law, that the price of everything will go up. Provisions will be higher, house rents will be higher, farm produce will be higher, clothing will be higher. The Eagle would like to ask where, in this event, will the salaried man be benefited? His salary will not be raised, but everything that he wants will be.



The methods of the Chicago School Board need investigating.

Employees of the Chicago School Board should be placed under the civil service law.

A special Grand Jury is needed to investigate the City Council. What is the Civic Federation doing about Aldermanic corruption?

Commissioner Downey should ascertain who the parties are that benefit by the crookedness in street repair work, and then use his ax.

The Northwestern Elevated Road will be nowhere near completion within the specified time—January 1st next. The city should take steps to forfeit its franchise.

The merit system must be applied to the appointment of school teachers. The schools are in danger under the present nefarious system of political pulls and favoritism.

No matter who is behind the Ogden Gas Company—be he Governor or private citizen—it should be made to put the North Side streets in as good condition as they were before tearing them up.

Because the rich down-town property owners do not pay their just share of the taxes, the tax levy is ten million dollars less this year than last. All poor property owners on the West and North Sides will have to make this up. Seventy-five per cent. will be added to their already high taxes to make up what the following rich men wiggle out of paying—their just taxes. These figures are taken from the latest report of the Illinois Bureau of Labor Statistics:

NAME OF BUILDING.	OWNER.	ACTUAL VALUE.			Assessor's Total Value.	Per Cent. to Actual.
		Ground.	Building.	Total.		
Adams Express	Shepherd Brooks	\$ 500,000	150,000	650,000	\$100,000	15.4
Ashtab	Alex. J. Alexander	1,000,000	700,000	1,700,000	153,000	9.0
Auditorium	Studebaker Bros., Etc.	1,500,000	3,500,000	5,000,000	305,500	6.1
Board of Trade	Board of Trade	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,400,000	416,800	17.3
Borden Block	William Borden	480,000	150,000	630,000	54,000	8.5
Boyes	Mary Boyes, Jul. Sherman	250,000	275,000	525,000	54,000	10.2
Chamber of Commerce	C. C. Safety Vault Co.	1,300,000	1,000,000	2,300,000	226,000	9.7
Chaplain	Samuel A. Crozier	800,000	800,000	1,600,000	138,000	8.6
Chicago Opera House	Estate of P. F. W. Peck	900,000	575,000	1,475,000	189,000	12.8
Columbus	Columbus Mem. S. Dep. Co.	1,200,000	800,000	2,000,000	190,000	9.5
Hartford	E. F. Gillette	600,000	500,000	1,100,000	110,000	10.0
Home Insurance	Home Insurance Co.	800,000	600,000	1,400,000	188,000	13.4
L. Z. Leiter	L. Z. Leiter	150,000	850,000	1,000,000	92,000	9.2
Marshall Field Retail	Marshall Field	900,000	750,000	1,650,000	161,800	9.8
Marshall Field Wholesale	Marshall Field	1,200,000	1,500,000	2,700,000	271,700	10.0
Masonic Temple	Masonic Fra Temple Ass.	1,500,000	2,000,000	3,500,000	250,000	7.1
Monadnock	Brooks estate	1,750,000	2,500,000	4,250,000	360,000	8.4
New York Life	Henry Phipps, Jr.	1,000,000	625,000	1,625,000	151,500	9.3
Old Colony	Estate Francis Bartlett	742,500	935,000	1,677,500	73,000	4.3
Pullman	George M. Pullman	750,000	686,000	1,436,000	148,800	10.3
Royal Insurance	Royal Insurance Co.	600,000	400,000	1,000,000	150,000	15.0
Siegel & Cooper	L. Z. Leiter	2,500,000	1,400,000	3,900,000	204,000	5.2
Stock Exchange	Peck estate, Wm. A. Fuller	1,600,000	1,400,000	3,000,000	218,200	7.2
Studebaker	Studebaker, Lyon & Co.	550,000	475,000	1,025,000	47,500	4.6
Tecoma	Tecoma Safety Deposit Co.	800,000	450,000	1,250,000	93,000	7.4
Unity	John P. Altgeld	400,000	950,000	1,350,000	141,800	10.5

The Chicago Asphalt ring must be broken up. Until it is none of our streets can be paved or repaved.

Rope may be necessary to break up the Aldermanic-Asphalt combine.

No matter how badly a street needs paving or how much the people want to pave it, the Asphalt ring will allow no paving order to go through the Council unless it is for asphalt.

There is not a single Chicago street in evidence where asphalt paving has been a success.

How much does it cost to choke off an Aldermanic investigation? Everybody knows who the bribe-takers are. Everybody knows who the bribers have to do business with. Why is no action ever taken?

What is the reason that the Civic Federation never gets after the Aldermanic boodlers? Can any one tell?

It is an injustice to reputable men on the Justice Court Bench, and a crime against the Judiciary, that dead beats are permitted to hold office as Justices of the Peace in Chicago.

When will the Chicago Bar purge itself of men who rob their clients and the city?

## MR. LOEFFLER IS BETTER.

The Eagle is glad to learn that Mr. William Loeffler, the well-known wholesale butcher and prominent citizen, is able to be about again. He has fully recovered his health, and his friends are delighted to know that he is again in the harness.

## HON. RUDOLF BRAND.

Hon. Rudolph Brand, than whom no more popular man lives in Chicago, has returned from Europe with his wife and children. They had a very pleasant trip and saw much of the old world while abroad. Mr. Brand's thousands of friends bid him welcome home.

## DEAD-BEAT JUSTICES.

The Judges of our Circuit and Superior Courts should take action at once towards securing the removal of dead beats from the justice court bench of Cook County.

Why frauds should be permitted to administer justice is what we want to find out.

Galveston is going to be the New York of Texas. Fine elevators are going up, ocean vessels are coming there for freight. St. Louis wheat exporters will export their wheat that way. The southwestern railroads all favor Galveston connections. Last year \$1,000,000 worth of coal and gold was mined

in that State; there are also numerous beds of lignite there.

A soap that is soft is full of water, half or two-thirds its weight probably, thus you pay seven or eight cents per pound for water. Dobbins' Electric Soap is all soap and no adulteration, therefore the cheapest and best. Try Dobbins'.

According to the statistics about 300,000 more books